



THE GRADUATE SCHOOL
GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES
February 11, 2008

The Graduate School

The Graduate Council met on Monday, February 11, 2008, at 2:30 p.m. in Room 311 of the Byrnes Building with Dr. Naomi Faber presiding.

Graduate Council Members present: Dr. Naomi Farber, Chair; Drs. Marianne Bickle, Xiaomin Deng, Josh Gold, Gregory Hand, JoAnne Herman, Scott Huebner, Satish Jayachandran, Zach Kelehear, Lucia Pirisi-Creek, Andrew Shifflet, James Sweigart, Ognian Trifonov, Irma Van Scoy, George Voulgaris, Mike Wyatt and Lynn Zoch

Graduate Council Members absent: Barry Markovsky

Graduate School Representatives: James Buggy, Stan Dubinsky, Nancy Zimmerman, and Teresa Smith

Provost Office Representative: Aileen Trainer

NOTE: These minutes will become final on March 10, 2008, if not challenged.

1. **Chair's remarks** (Professor Farber)

Dr. Farber called the meeting to order.

She reported that the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) was invited to hold their Spring Meeting here at the University. The organization has yet to confirm the invitation. However, Dr. Farber stressed the importance that the Faculty and Graduate Students know about this meeting. Details will be announced once the plans of the meeting are finalized.

2. **Approval of minutes** (Minutes of the January 28, 2008 meeting).

The minutes were reviewed electronically by the Council on the new projector system. Due to the installation of the new system, the Council agreed that distribution of a paper copy of the minutes is no longer needed.

[A copy of these Minutes are on file at The Graduate School; also posted on The Graduate School website <http://www.gradschool.sc.edu/gradcouncil/index.html>]

3. **Report of the Graduate Dean** (Dean Buggy)

Dean Buggy reported and demonstrated new features added to the Graduate School webpage on enrollment demographics. A link has been added to the report submitted by USC for the Council of Graduate Schools / Graduate Record Examinations Board annual survey of graduate enrollment and degrees at member institutions. The information includes graduate student application, enrollment, and degrees awarded demographics for 50 program groupings. The information presented is derived from the IMS system which will be replaced by a more modern administrative computing system through the OneCarolina initiative which is now underway.

Dr. Faber commented on the importance of sharing this type of information with the entire University community.

Dr. Dubinsky reported that Graduate Student Day is on April 2, 2008. He directed the Council to the Graduate School website for detailed information regarding the event. Faculty nominations of graduate students to participate will be accepted at the Graduate School through March 14, 2008. The event will consist of presentation and poster competitions and an awards ceremony. This year's Graduate Student Day will also include selected creative exhibitions and performances, with some of these being presented in the Russell House Theater on Tuesday evening, 1 April 2008. Dr. Dubinsky invited all Council Members to participate to be on the faculty advisory committee or to be judges at the event. He stated that he would send notification emails to Council Members prior to the event.

4. **Report of the Petitions and Appeals Committee** (Professor Herman)

No report.

5. **Report of the Humanities, Social Sciences, Education, and Related Professional Programs Committee** (Professor Kelehear)

One item was presented.

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION - Approved

Course Change Proposals: (reducing prerequisites)

FROM: **EDRD 719** Developing and Guiding the Reading Program (3) Design, management and evaluation of reading programs at the classroom, school, or district levels.

[Prereq.: EDRD 600, 715, 716 and 718]

TO: **EDRD 719** Developing and Guiding the Reading Program (3) Design, management and evaluation of reading programs at the classroom, school, or district levels.

[Effective: Fall 2008]

[Prereq.: EDRD 600 and EDRD 715]

6. Report of Science, Math, and Related Professional Programs Committee
(Professor Trifonov)

Two items were presented.

COLLEGE OF MEDICINE - Approved

Course Change Proposals: (title & term change)

FROM: **RHAB 753** Rehabilitation of the Severely Disabled (3)

TO: **RHAB 753** Rehabilitation and Severe Disability (3)

[Effective: Fall 2008]

COLLEGE OF MEDICINE – Tabled – pending receipt of a syllabus to include rationale for credit hour change and clarify of contact hours

Course Change Proposals: (credit hour change & term change)

FROM: **RHAB 883** Counseling Internship (6)

TO: **RHAB 883** Counseling Internship (1-6)

[Effective: Summer I 2008]

7. Report of 500/600 Level Courses and Telecommunication Delivery (Dean Buggy)

No report

8. Report of the Fellowships Committee (Professor Pirisi-Creek)

The committee held its first meeting on 2/11/08 and developed a process plan.

9. Report of the Program Review Committee (Professor Bickle)

Dr. Bickle produced a handout reporting that webpage guidelines recommended by Dr. Dubinsky were added to the committee's website review plan. Dr. Bickle also asked that other Council Members provide recommendations for improvement to the University website standardization plan.

10. Report of Academic Policy and Practices Committee (Professor Farber)

Dr. Farber reported that the Policies and Procedures committee proposes a statement regarding partial withdrawals for extenuating circumstances be changed. The statement currently reads:

FROM:

“A request for partial (rather than complete) withdrawal for extenuating circumstances must include a physician’s statement that a reduction in, rather than termination of, the student’s work load has been prescribed.”

TO:

“A request for partial reduction (rather than complete) withdrawal for extenuating circumstance provide evidence that a reduction rather than termination of student’s course load is appropriate.”

Dr. Deng recommended that the word “should” be changed to “must”.

After further discussion by the Council, the following statement was adopted:

“A request for partial reduction (rather than complete) withdrawal for extenuating circumstances must include evidence (e.g., a written statement from a physician, counselor or other qualified professional; or other documentation of extenuating circumstances) that a reduction in, rather than termination of, student coursework is appropriate.”

11. Other Committee Reports

12. Old Business

The Council discussed their position regarding the Graduate Student Association’s appeal for continuation of the health insurance subsidy.

Dr. Farber presented a letter stating the Council’s position on the matter addressed to President Sorensen. The letter was drafted by Dr. Farber, Dr. Hand and Dr. Zimmerman. The letter expressed that the Council was in agreement with the GSAs appeal to continue the health insurance subsidy. After discussion, the Council agreed that the letter needed to be revised. Dr. Farber requested that all Council Members provide input for changes to the letter. A revised letter will be presented at the next meeting.

13. New Business

No report.

14. Good of the Order

15. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:17 p.m.


Stan Dubinsky, Secretary

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President Andrew A. Sorensen

Provost Mark P. Becker

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Graduate Directors

Barbara Blaney, University Registrar

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